# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2422
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005
PENSION TO WIDOWS OF FORMER MEMBERS
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**Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for granting pension to the widows of deceased former Members of Parliament for sustenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the proposal stands as on date? ANSWER

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) While considering a proposal for grant of pension and rail travel facility to the spouse of a deceased former Member of Parliament, the Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament recommended that the spouse of the deceased ex-Members may be provided with same facilities as were available to the ex-MPs before his/her death. This proposal is under the consideration of the Government.